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To whom it my concern:

Email Misha Vakoc (vakoc.misha@epa.gov) re Permit WAS026611

I am very concerned about the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island storm water permit WAS026611 for (SLOUGH /Clover Valley Creek.)

HISTORY:

Clover valley creek is a name the NAVY gave to the SLOUGH just recently.

The dike held in 1918 the basin was created to collect the drainage water from the property's that Diking District 3 flume gates controlled discharge of said water to Dugualla bay until the NAVY drastically increased the amount of water coming to basin. In the 1950 the NAVY installed a pier and pumps to take care of the extra increase in water runoff from the base & runways to the basin.

CONCERNS:

This permit WAS026611 does not protect the civilian population/Washington State waters from the heavy pollution and contamination from NASWI. The NAVY divulged in a Whidbey News Times ([WNT article Oct 23, 2018 routine maintenance reveals toxic firefighting foam in base storm water](#)) from testing results of surface water (PFOA&PFOS) levels at 175 ppt at the end of the navy's fence line (NO monitoring of the pollution/contamination since) and 145 ppt (NO monitoring of pollution/contaminations since) at the pumps they operate to convey the drainage basin water into Dugualla bay; not more than a 100 yards away is a Washington State Salmon habitat restoration project.

The NAVY has just dredged this (SLOUGH /Clover Valley Creek) on August 29, 2019 and has probably released a huge amount of pollution/contaminations down the (slough/clover valley creek) on to the civilian properties. All the while the NAVY was running the pumps over four days straight during this dredging and refused to stop when I called and requested them to stop and test Water/soil for pollution/contaminations; I supplied photos of this dredging to community leaders with NO response.

Our family has irrigations rights which pre-date the Navy, allowing use of surface water for the farm from the SLOUGH /clover valley creek. When the NAVY refuses to pump the drainage basin down it floods our fields which compromise approx. over 40 acres. Any pollutions/contaminations the NAVY has dumped in to said SLOUGH/clover valley creek ends up in our fields which greatly affects our farm practices. The NAVY has refused to test any areas around the slough/basin for pollutions/contaminations, even though they have admitted to dumping these contaminations in to this (SLOUGH /Clover Valley Creek) in WNT article which was the only way the land owners were informed of surface water contaminations. When we ask the navy about the pollution/contamination, the Navy is unwilling to be forthright about any of the

pollution/contaminations and any testing they have done.

I'm requesting the EPA to put the permit # WAS026611 on hold or deny until the NAVY is compelled to test all property owners land in area etc... For all and any pollution/contaminations.

I have contacted commissioners, EPA, state legislature, governor's office numerous times with no response. I was appalled at the lack of response from community leaders on their disregard for our environment. This is such a horrendous environmental disaster. It affects not only everyone in the basin and numerous farms and all sea life in the Salish Sea.

We as a community are requesting an open and public hearing on this permit also. Your attention in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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